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COMMITTEE III

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 3rd MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Wednesday, 29 August 1990, at 4 p.m.

President: Mr. YAMADA (Japan)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.15 p.m.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK (continued)

The CHAIRMAN said that, in informal consultations with delegations, general agreement had emerged on following the same format as the final document produced by Main Committee III at the Third Review Conference. Working papers were ready on seven of the eight categories of issues identified as relating to article IV, and the paper on the eighth category was expected shortly. The Bureau had also prepared an informal paper, which it hoped was as neutral as possible, concerning article V. The working paper submitted by Australia on behalf of 10 States appeared in document NPT/CONF.IV/MC.III/WP.1; the working paper prepared by Italy appeared in document NPT/CONF.IV/MC.III/WP.2; two working papers prepared by Bangladesh appeared in NPT/CONF.IV/MC.III/WP.3 and Add.1; a second working paper submitted by Australia on behalf of 11 States appeared in document NPT/CONF.IV/MC.III/WP.4; the working paper prepared by the United States would appear shortly in document NPT/CONF.IV/MC.III/WP.5; the working paper presented by the Group of Non-Aligned States appeared in document NPT/CONF.IV/L.2 and Corr.1; and the working paper presented by Egypt appeared in document NPT/CONF.IV/31.

Every effort must be made to adopt the Committee's report by consensus, in accordance with rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure. In view of time constraints, he suggested that the drafting exercise should be conducted by the Drafting Group at an informal meeting; the results would then have to be endorsed by the Committee at a formal meeting.

If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt his suggestion.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.